

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMISSION
JUNE 5, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

Present: Beverly Calender-Anderson, Wendy Bernstein, David Hummons, Frank Motley, William Vance, and Barbara Fuqua. **Staff:** Craig Brenner, Liaison, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department.

Approval of Minutes: The March 2005 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Commission received the Stephens Honda-Hyundai \$500 donation for the January, 2005 event.

Old Business:

We discussed the slate of officers for 2005-2006. The Commission unanimously approved the following slate of officers as presented in the March 16th minutes:

Chair	Beverly Calender-Anderson
Vice Chair	David Hummons
Secretary	Barbara Fuqua
Fundraising Chair	Wendy Bernstein

Commission Vacancies 2005-2006

Frank Motley was welcomed as a new commissioner. We still have one position open. Sheldon Gellar and Chris or Katrina Reynolds are possible candidates for the position.

2006 Celebration

Annual MLK celebrations have experienced a high degree of coordination between IU and the City of Bloomington, which for many years prior to 2002 held a jointly sponsored, single event. Frank Motley advised that he coordinates the MLK celebration planning on campus.

We revisited the 4/19/05 minutes and agreed that we would like children to have a higher degree of involvement in the 2006 celebration. (Refer to 4/19 minutes for details) We also talked about the possibility of having a speaker but to accord less prominence than we have previously done.

The November event will be a lead-in activity for the 2006 celebration. We approved Frank Motley's suggested topic "Religion and Politics." It will offer many options for stimulating discussions. The following tentative list of speakers will be discussed further at our next meeting:

Dan Conkle (Constitutional Law)
Clarence Gilliam (past President of Monroe County Chapter of NAACP)

Commissioners would like to see the addition of a community choir along with artistic groups such as the IU African American Chorale Ensemble, David Baker, etc.

AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING: Develop a list of specific artistic groups to be included in the 2006 celebration.

Ways to Improve MLK Commission Visibility: We discussed inexpensive ways we could make the Commission more visible during the year, rather than focusing solely on the MLK celebration. Suggestions included participation in community activities, including the Juneteenth Celebration, Soul Food Festival, and Bloomington Multicultural Festival, and utilizing *Herald-Times* Guest Editorials. We could also explore the feasibility of co-sponsoring an event.

New Business:

Fund Raising – The fund-raising letters were signed by Beverly Calender-Anderson and Wendy Bernstein and are ready to be mailed out. We will also explore additional fund-raising mechanisms.

Web Site Contest – We had a discussion about the contest and Wendy suggested that we have a poetry contest or develop a list of options to the Web site contest. We will review this at a future meeting.

We also discussed Aniko Bahr's replacement. It was suggested that we send a letter to MCCSC Superintendent John Maloy inviting him to discuss perceived issues, such as why information we forward for the children doesn't reach them.

Liaison Report --Commission on the Status of Black Males -- David Hummons gave an update on this commission's activities. They are holding a diversity forum tonight at MCCSC and will finalize the draft of recommendations which is to be submitted to John Maloy.

NAACP – William Vance discussed the NAACP Youth Council. It is a new group headed up by Gwen Jones, with support from Inge Nemcik and Liz Mitchell.

Scholarship awards will be presented to essay contest winners on June 25th at Second Baptist Church.

The Freedom Banquet will be held on October 15 at Terry's Banquet and Catering.

Black Business and Professional Association Directory: Request for Commission to place an ad. Commission will consider placing a ¼ or ½ page ad. Beverly will fill out the form and Lee or Craig will design the ad.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the McCloskey Conference Room #135 at City Hall.

Submitted by Barbara Fuqua.